

REMARKS

FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-34 are pending

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated July 2, 2001. The Examiner therein required election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-5 and 7, drawn to a method of reducing growth of a cancerous cell with a TTK antisense polynucleotide;
- Group II: Claims 1-5 and 7, drawn to a method of reducing growth of a cancerous cell with a monoclonal antibody that specifically binds TTK;
- Group III: Claims 8-15, drawn to an assay for identifying a candidate agent that reduces growth of a cancerous cell;
- Group IV: Claims 16-24, drawn to a method of identifying an agent that reduces TTK activity;
- Group V: Claims 25-27, drawn to a method of detecting cancer other than ovarian cancer by detecting the level of expression of a TTK polypeptide;
- Group VI: Claims 28-30, drawn to a method of detecting cancer other than ovarian cancer by detecting the level of expression of a TTK polypeptide; and
- Group VII: Claims 31-34, drawn to a method of assessing the prognosis of a cancerous disease other than ovarian cancer by detecting the level of expression of a TTK-encoding polynucleotide.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-5 and 7, with traverse.

The Applicants note that according to paragraph 3 of the Restriction Requirement, claim 1 links inventions I and II. Pursuant to MPEP § 809, *the linking claim must be examined with the invention elected*, and should any linking claim be allowed, the restriction requirement must be withdrawn. According to MPEP § 809, therefore, the full scope of claim 1 as it currently stands *must* be examined with the claims of Group I.

Further, the Applicants respectfully traverse the Restriction Requirement on the basis that the full scope of claim 1 is not encompassed by the combination of Inventions I and II, as set forth in the Restriction Requirement. In other words, claim 1 is broader in scope than the combination of Invention I (a method of reducing growth of a cancerous cell using an *antisense polynucleotide*) and Invention II (a method of reducing growth of a cancerous cell using a *monoclonal antibody*). As such, certain subject matter encompassed by claim 1 (e.g., methods of reducing growth of a cancerous cell using a *small molecule*, for example) are not encompassed by the Inventions set forth in the Restriction Requirement. Accordingly, restriction of claim 1 into Inventions I and II is not proper: the invention of claim 1 is, as a point of fact, broader in scope than the combination of Inventions I and II and cannot be thus split.

In other words, the invention described in claim 1 has been impermissibly split into two inventions by the Office because the full scope of the invention described in claim 1 is not encompassed by Inventions I and II.

In view of the foregoing discussion, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement of claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter during the pendency of this application.

SUMMARY

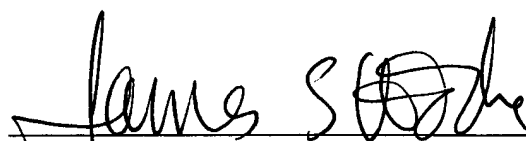
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